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7 FAM 1360 OVERSEAS PASSPORT ISSUANCE PROGRAM

1. Summary of Changes

- The Bureau of Consular Affairs (CA) will eliminate the consular service of supplemental 24-page visa page inserts (VPis) for passports beginning January 1, 2016
 - CA management decided to eliminate visa page inserts at the recommendation of CA's Next Generation Passport Working Group which is coordinating the redesigned "Next Generation Passport"
 - VPis will be phased-out because they pose vulnerabilities to the physical security of the passport and the issuance process
 - The determination to eliminate VPI was made after considering document utility, cost effectiveness, customer service, internal controls, security, international practice, and operational factors
 - To mitigate the impact; applicants at overseas posts will begin to routinely receive 52-page passports starting October 1, 2014
 - Requests for VPI on Form DS-4085s will only be accepted for current (legacy) passports until December 31, 2015
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